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Overdrawal from grid to cost more

In view of the deteriorating frequency regime in the regional grids and its serious impact on grid security, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) is proposing to increase the ceiling rate for Unscheduled Interchange (UI) energy at the Inter-State level from the present rate of Rs.5.70 per unit to Rs.7.45 per unit. The increase in UI ceiling rate has been proposed after considering the proposal of Regional Load Despatch Centres (RLDCs) to increase the UI ceiling rate to Rs.9.30 per unit. The proposal of RLDCs was sent to all the stakeholders and posted on the web site of RLDCs, in response to which comments were received from 18 organisations.

The Commission has proposed not to disturb the existing UI rate curve from 50.5 Hz to 49.5 Hz and accordingly there would be no change in the existing UI rate of Rs.3.45 per unit at 49.5 Hz. However, below 49.5 Hz, the UI rates would be increased to reach the UI ceiling rate of Rs.7.45 per unit at 49.02 Hz.

The Commission has invited comments and suggestions on draft regulations latest by April 23, 2007 after which the regulations shall be finalised. The final regulations shall be implemented prospectively. The draft regulations can be downloaded from the CERC web site www.cercind.gov.in.

The reasons for proposing increase in UI ceiling rate have been elaborated in the Order of the Commission dated April 5, 2007 available on CERC web site.

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